

**OPEN MEETING MINUTES**  
**Waukesha County Health and Human Services**  
**Mental Health Advisory Committee (MHAC)**  
**March 21, 2022**

**Present MHAC Committee:** TJ Findley (Co-Chair), Peer Specialists of Waukesha County (Susie Austin), WCTC (Amy Machgan), NAMI (Mary Madden, Co-Chair), Public Defender's Office (Maura McMahan), LSS/Friendships-Clubhouse (Rachel Sauer), Homes for Independent Living (Pauline Glainyk-Buehler)

**Absent MHAC Committee:** Cathy Friend, CST Liaison (Amanda Huber), CCS Committee Liaison (Courtney McElmeel), DOC – Probation and Parole (Shannon Stydahar), Helen Prozeller, ProHealth Care (Jena Scherer)

**Absent HHS Board Liaison:** Vicki Dallmann-Papke

**Present HHS Staff Liaison:** Kirk Yauchler

**Guests:** Maryam Faterioun, Lindsay Just, John Kettler, Janelle McClain, Jessica Brost, Sam Schuette, LaShunn Qaasim, Michael Ivans

**1. Call to Order**

Co-Chair Madden called the meeting to order at 1:36 p.m. Attendees introduced themselves.

**2. Review and Approval of Minutes**

On page 2, under section 4-2-b, change "HUG" to "HUD."

Motion: Machgan moved, second by Sauer, to approve the amended Mental Health Advisory Committee's minutes of February 21, 2022. Findley and Austin abstained. Motion passed without a negative vote.

**3. Committee Business**

There was no committee business.

**4. Educational Presentation: HHS Crisis Services Overview**

Faterioun distributed and reviewed a PowerPoint presentation titled "Waukesha County DHHS Crisis Intervention Services."

On average, clients are part of the Crisis Stabilization program for 30-90 days.

HHS hopes to expand the program with a crisis worker at the Sheriff's Department, to add an additional crisis worker at the Sheriff's, as well as add a crisis worker to work with the Waukesha Police Department.

**5. Discuss 2022 Community Prioritized Needs Presentation to HHS Board**

The presentation date has changed to Thursday, April 21. Madden and Substance Use Advisory Committee (SUAC) Chair Just are unable to present to the HHS Board on the new date. Findley

and Sauer agreed to present jointly. McClain will send an email to SUAC members to determine if anyone is interested in co-presenting.

**6. Committee and Organizational Updates**

**a. HHS Board Liaison Report**

McClain reported that the HHS Annual Report was given at last week's joint HHS Board and HHS Committee meeting.

**b. HHS Staff Liaison Report**

Yauchler reported that the ARPA proposal is continuing to move forward. The focus in 2022 would be the relocation of the Crisis Services team and to remodel the Community Services Program (CSP) and Treatment and Support Services Unit (TSSU) areas at the Mental Health Center (MHC).

DHS has a grant available for \$10 million for Wisconsin to establish regional crisis stabilization facilities. The funds would be available for a partial year this year and 3-4 additional years. Waukesha County, despite being the third largest county in the state, is one of three counties in the Southeastern Wisconsin region that does not currently have a crisis stabilization facility. Dane and Milwaukee Counties (largest and second largest counties, respectively) have crisis stabilization facilities.

The clinic has lost two Peer Specialists but has recently added a Peer Specialist for substance use and co-occurring disorders. A position has been posted through Lutheran Social Services (LSS) for mental health and co-occurring disorders.

The overflow shelter is open for a few more weeks. Client should continue to report to other shelters first to then get referred to the overflow shelter if necessary.

Waukesha County now has contracts with two recovery housing providers for substance use or co-occurring disorders.

The clinic is starting up two new groups – a dialectical behavioral therapy (DBT) group, and a trauma group for women.

**c. Comprehensive Community Services (CCS) Coordinating Committee**

The CCS Coordinating Committee just met prior to this meeting. The committee discussed the annual CCS survey results, as well as trying to recruit new committee members.

The agenda for the May joint MHAC/CCS meeting will include discussing membership ideas for the CCS Coordinating Committee.

**d. Coordinated Services Team (CST)**

There was no report from the CST.

**e. Peer Specialists of Waukesha County**

Austin hopes to resume the meetings in late spring.

**7. Agency Updates / Announcements**

WCTC is holding an Open House on April 21 from 3 p.m. – 7 p.m.

The Addiction Resource Council will be holding the 1<sup>st</sup> Annual Spare Some Care Event at New Berlin Bowl on May 22. Part of the funds raised will go toward youth education programs.

Madden spoke with the Office of Victim Assistance regarding providing education to the community for first responders regarding the parade tragedy. There was discussion regarding adding the topic to the CIT training. Madden will be reaching out to various organizations to do some brainstorming regarding which groups of people could benefit from the education.

NAMI's annual Blue Jean Bingo will be held on May 6, from 5 p.m. – 9 p.m., at the Brookfield Conference Center.

**8. Discuss Agenda Items for Next Meeting**

- Community Support Program (CSP) presentation; Brad Haas
- Final presentation discussion for HHS Board
- May meeting:
  - Machgan to present on WCTC
  - Jean Goodsett from CCS Coordinating Committee to present on the mental health stigma in the country
  - Discuss CCS Coordinating Committee membership

**9. Public Comment**

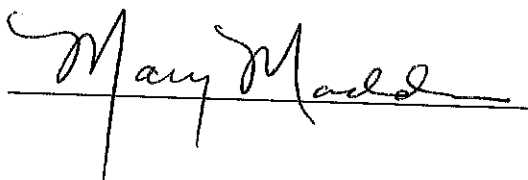
There was no public comment.

**10. Adjourn**

Motion: Austin moved, second by Findley, to adjourn the meeting at 2:50 p.m. Motion passed unanimously.

Minutes respectfully submitted by Janelle McClain.

Minutes Were Approved:



Date:

